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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to provide you with my comments on the Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation. I am specifically asking the Department of Energy and Secretary Abraham to recommend to President Bush the Yucca Mountain site for the development of a high level radioactive waste storage facility.

The debate over this issue has been going on for years. From my review of the scientific information and engineering data that has been developed regarding Yucca Mountain as a suitable repository, it is clear that this country should now proceed with the final development of this site so that we can soon transport spent nuclear fuel from its current locations to Yucca Mountain.

My belief is that this nuclear waste can be safely transported and stored at Yucca Mountain. The nine major natural and engineered barriers that nave been identified at this site are more that sufficient to protect the public health and safety. By selecting Yucca Mountain we will meet our long-standing commitment to effectively and safely manage our high level radioactive waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

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